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1. Communist officials in the Yosu area during mid-August included the following:
 - a. KIM Su-pyong (金守耕), chairman of the South Cholla Province People's Committee, age 47; he is a college graduate, and was one of the leaders of the October 1948 Yosu rebellion.
 - b. YI Ch'ang-su (李昌洙), chairman of the Yosu County People's Committee, a notorious fellow traveller, and friend of KIM Su-pyong.
 - c. YU Nong, chief of the Yosu police.
2. In mid-August with the aid of the Yosu police, the Communists were conscripting persons from 14 to 40 years old for military service; those over 40 were conscripted for labor. Groups of laborers were seen working near the former ROK army regiment compound area and surrounding areas, digging holes and short tunnels described as air raid shelters.
3. Approximately 200 North Korean troops were billeted in the former ROK army compound in Yosu in mid-August.
4. In early August there was a rumor in Chunchon (127-44, 37-52) that three Soviet divisions departed Kamchatka, one for Karafuto, and the other two to North Korea. Of the five Chinese Communist divisions arriving at the North Korean-Manchurian border at the same time, two were air regiments.
5. In early August there was a rumor in Chunchon that 20,000 bags of cereals were to be sent from Manchuria to North Korea to supply the NKPA and their families. The cattle and pigs originally to be distributed in occupied areas of the ROK were sent to Manchuria instead, for exchange.

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